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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An article to be worn about a wearer comprising:

a surface fastening system having a primary direction of load bearing, the surface fastening system including a first surface fastening element and a second surface fastening element, the first fastening element being joined to the article, the second fastening element being disposed so as to be generally in a face to face relationship with the first fastening element when the surface fastening system is in a ~~fastened~~ an engaged configuration to fasten at least a portion of the article, the first surface fastening system element further including an effective dimension Y extending substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the article, the effective dimension Y increasing from a distal edge of the first fastening element to a proximal edge of the first fastening element,

wherein the surface fastening system has different levels of resistance in different directions to disengagement from the engaged configuration ~~in different directions~~.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The article of Claim 1, wherein the first fastening element further includes a ~~longitudinally inboard~~ first edge and a ~~second longitudinally outboard edge~~, the ~~longitudinally inboard~~ first edge being offset from the second edge in the direction of dimension Y, wherein the first edge is longer than the longitudinally outboard second edge.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The article of Claim 1, wherein the second fastening element further includes a longitudinally inboard edge, wherein having at least a portion of the longitudinally inboard edge ~~being~~ is unjoined from the underlying structure of the article.

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Claim 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Original): The article of Claim 1, further comprising a chassis including an absorbent member.

Claim 9 (Original): The article of Claim 1, wherein the article is selected from one of the group of an absorbent article, a diaper, a sanitary napkin, and a body wrap.

Claim 10 (Original): The article of Claim 1, wherein the article is adapted to form a pant-like article and wherein each of the first and second fastening elements are releasably attached to form a waist opening and a pair of leg openings.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The article of Claim 1 wherein the surface fastening system has a first peak peel load value when measured subject to forces in a y'-z-plane through y''z plane which is greater than a second peak peel load value when measured subject to forces in a xz plane.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The article of Claim 11 wherein said first peak peel load value is greater than about 1000 grams, more preferably greater than about 1300 grams, even more preferably greater than about 1600 grams, and most preferably greater than about 2000 grams.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The article of Claim 11 wherein said second peak peel load value is less than about 1000 grams, more preferably less than about 750 grams, and most preferably less than about 500 grams.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The article of Claim 12 wherein said second peak peel load value is less than about 1000 grams, more preferably less than about 750 grams, and most preferably less than about 500 grams.

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Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The article of Claim 11 wherein said y'z-plane and said y''z plane are each projected to about 60 degrees from an imaginary longitudinal line.

Claim 16 (New): The article of Claim 1 wherein the surface fastening system has different levels of resistance in different directions to peel mode disengagement from the engaged configuration.

Claim 17 (New): An article to be worn about a wearer comprising:

a surface fastening system having a primary direction of load bearing, the surface fastening system including a first surface fastening element and a second surface fastening element, the first fastening element being joined to the article, the second fastening element being disposed so as to be generally in a face to face relationship with the first fastening element when the surface fastening system is in a fastened configuration, the first surface fastening element further including an effective dimension Y extending substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the article, the effective dimension Y increasing from a distal edge of the first fastening element to a proximal edge of the first fastening element,

wherein the surface fastening system has different levels of resistance to disengagement in different directions,

wherein the first fastening element further includes a longitudinally inboard edge and a longitudinally outboard edge, the longitudinally inboard edge being longer than the longitudinally outboard edge.

Claim 18 (New): The article of Claim 17 wherein the surface fastening system has different levels of resistance in different directions to disengagement from the fastened configuration

Claim 19 (New): The article of Claim 17 wherein the surface fastening system has different levels of resistance to peel mode disengagement in different directions.